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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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International Application No. **PCT/EP97/06793**)
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International Filing Date: **4 December 1997**)
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For: **A LIGHT SCANNING DEVICE**)
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Case No.: **4539US**)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box: PCT Attn: EO/US
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination and fee calculation for the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-16 as follows:

Q13 3. (Amended) [A] The light scanning device according to claim 1, ^{wherein} ~~characterized in that~~ the focussing optics is adapted to be radially displaced relative to an axis of rotation of the sample holding device.

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